1 WEST WILSON STREET, ROOM 558 P O BOX 7851 MADISON WI 53707-7851

Voice: 608-266-7498 Fax: 608-266-3256 https://scob.wisconsin.gov/index.htm

Dear: Small Business Administration

The Statutory Council on Blindness offers the following recommendations for your consideration

- It is recommended that Blind/Disabled/Vision Impaired owned businesses be added to the category of Socially Disadvantaged Business to become eligible for 8a Business Eligibility program. Currently the SDB category for Small Business Administration does not include a disability owned business in the category.
- It is recommended that the Wisconsin Department of Procurement add Disabled Owned Business into the category for preference in terms of purchases for goods or services.

Current Wisconsin procurement policies provide preference to SDB, Veteran and Disabled Veteran owned businesses but no preference is given to the Disabled who own businesses. The Disabled should be given the same consideration as a Disabled Veteran owned business within our procurement in the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely, SCOB of Wisconsin.